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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
KOJI IGARASHI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: TRAN, D.  
SERIAL NO: 10/516,306 :  
FILED: APRIL 25, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2613  
FOR: WAVELENGTH DIVISION :  
MULTIPLEX OPTICAL REGENERATION  
SYSTEM AND WAVELENGTH DIVISION  
MULTIPLEX OPTICAL REGENERATION  
METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

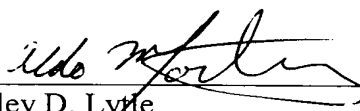
SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 23, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, and list Claims 10-22, 55-62 as readable thereon. Applicants make this election with the understanding that Applicants preserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 10-22 and 55-62 is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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